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1. ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY THIS WEEK OF MINISTER OF CULTURE, SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS HAS TOTALLY STYMIED POST EFFORTS TO OBTAIN CULTURAL GROUP'S RELEASE TO TRAVEL TO US.

2. ALL FOUR MEMBERS OF GROUP (INCLUDING ATO DANIEL YOHANNES, SEE REF B) HAVE PRIVATELY INDICATED THEIR INTEREST IN TOUR AND ABILITY TO TRAVEL IN LATE MAY 1976 BUT NEED MINISTRY APPROVAL.

3. IN ADDITION, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF CULTURE, WHO HIMSELF WILL BE TRAVELLING TO US THIS YEAR UNDER BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS BICENTENNIAL PROJECT, INDICATES PRIVATELY THAT GROUP WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL. OFFICIAL PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE THIS PROJECT HOWEVER CAN ONLY COME THROUGH MINISTRY OF CULTURE MEETING. PERM. SEC. HASS CHEDU

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FOR MONDAY, MARCH 15N QOUYN DATE OF MINISTER'S RETURN TO ADDIS.

4. IN VIEW UNAVOIDABLE DELAY IN PROCESSING CULTURAL GROUP, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SUBMIT COMPLETE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS AND EXACT ETA PRIOR TO MARCH 15 DEADLINE (REF C). THESE WILL HOWEVER BE
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